# JUSTICE CROPSEY'S PHONE WIRE TAPPED

Discovery Leads to Breakdown of Nassau County Ring's Grapevine.

PLANT TO LIFT LID OFF

One Official Reported to Be Missing as Result of 'Threatened 'Squeal.'

DECOY MESSAGES USED

Confirmation of Phone Tampering Said to Have Been Confirmed by Them.

The atmosphere of suppressed excitement that has marked the abode of officialdom in Nassau county since County Detective Carman Plant pleaded guilty Friday to a charge of receiving stolen property and threatened to reveal the names of others of the Nassau county "corruption ring" was no

Plant is to appear to-morrow before the Grand Jury, and has intimated that he will lift the lid off a brewing pot of scandal that will startle Long Island from one end to the other. One well known Nassau county official said to be involved in the disclosures Plant will make was reported missing yesterday, and it was said he had gone or an intensive hunt for legal advice and a frantic foraging for counsel fees.

The timely discovery by Supreme Court Justice James C. Cropsey and District Attorney Charles R. Weeks of had such unsavory publicity as to in-Nassau county that their telephone wires had been tapped was responsible, according to gossip in Mineola yesterday, for a breakdown in the intelligence system of the ring. It was known that since Plant indicated an intention to squeal" much concern has been exhibited in certain quarters about fust

#### Whetting of Curlosity.

Yesterday the discredited County Detective meditated in the Mineola jall about some of his experiences of the past. He has let friends know that he feels keenly what he believes amounts to a desertion of himself in time of trouble by persons toward whom he felt justified in looking for material assistance. Just whom and how many of these Plant intends to involve in his

ance. Just whom 'and how many of these Plant intends to involve in his contemplated "squeal" is what is whetting the curiosity of all Nassau county. The credit for breaking down the intelligence system seems by common consent to go to Justice Cropsey and District Attorney Weeks. It was Justice Cropsey, it was said yesterday, who discovered that the confidential communications issuing over the telephone wires covered that the confidential communications issuing over the telephone wires
besween his office and that of the District Attorney were not as confidential
as they should have been. He made the
discovery the second day of his investigation of Nassau county affairs at
Mineola and let it be known last Friday while he was grilling George C.
Hyde, Deputy Commissioner of Jurors.
"There is no privacy here," Justice
Cropsey said. "Even the walls have
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corpsey sufficiently system for the New York Police Department doesn't equal the system here."

Froof that the telephone wires of both the Justice and the prosecutor have been tampered with its said to have been confirmed through the use of decoy messages that were said to have sent members of the ring helter skelter on wild goose chases.

Cautious Procedure.

It was said yesterday, however, that these underground channels had been tapped in vain since Friday if effort had been made to learn what the extent of Plant's forthcoming revelations is likely to be. If Mr. Weeks and Justice Cropsey have discussed a possible policy in the light of information expected to come from Plant and to be given to the Grand Jury they have been careful not to do so over the telephone. Their exchanges have been more carefully conducted.

Plant is alleged to have had a connection with a ring of automobile thleves on Long island that did a brisk of the process in the Lockwood and the Meyer committees led yesterday and the Meyer committee into Aldermanic to the suggestion that an excursion by the Meyer committee into Aldermanic to the suggestion that an excursion by the Meyer committee into Aldermanic to the Sudderson domittee is far from improbable.

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Just how much Plant knows of the identity of the "men higher up" in the automobile thieves' ring and their connection with the gambling and bootlegging gang. Is what is interesting Nassau county at the moment. There are some who declare that Plant is hinting at a lot about which he has no real information or not enough to prove of value to the police.

These persons say that Plant always has shown a disposition under certain circumstances to talk, and that for this reason never has been in the full-

the circumstances to talk, and that for this reason never has been in the full-est confidence of the gang. There are others, however, who predict that if the former detective opens up there will be some scared persons in that particular part of Long Island.

### PIGEON SHOOTING ATTACKED.

Move in Britain to Outlaw This Form of Sport.

tivity when they learned that the members of a prominent secret organization had raffled off a case of "fine Old Crow." Investigators were sent out and after due inquiry returned to headquarters considerably crestfallen. being stirred by a concerted attera considerably crestfallen.
So well and so secretly had the raffle been advertised that the proceeds amounted to \$2,000, which is a considerable figure, even in these days, for a case of "Old Crow."

The Government men learned that when the holder of the winning ticket opened the case he found an old rooster. The rooster crowed and so did the winner. tack by the press against pigeon shooting, and as a result, a bill has been infreduced in Parliament which would make this form of sport illegal. The storm arose over a contest recently at Chatham, where live birds were released to a phosting compatible. from traps for a shooting competition.

Eupport for the proposed anti-shooting breasure is promised by the Government pnd is being warmly given by the Ryyal Seclety for the Prevention of Cruelty to

Animals.

Agitation against this form of sport bas extended to Monte Carlo, where many upper class English spend part of the winter, and where the practice is said to be an institution. The Prince of Monaco is reported to be sympathetic to the attempt to eliminate the live geon shooting and to substitute clay pigeons.

MADISON, May 15.—Four elepements within two months' time is the record of the Madison High School, which witnessed weddings in Rockford of four the Madison High School, which witnessed weddings in Rockford of four personal prince for several new neighbors.

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### SOLDIER BONUS SHARKS LOSE BY THEIR OWN GREED

Ruling of Adjutant-General Makes Void Discharges From Army That Have Been Transferred-Original Holder May Get the Money.

distributed. The soldiers, under the scheme, were to make application, relevant that a coterie of loan sharks in Brooklyn and up-State counties, who, imitating the pension discounters of civil war days, have been doing a thriving business with the ex-soldiers, now stand to lose thousands of dollars. The grand "clean up" which they had been planning has been made impossible by a ruiling of the State Adjutant-General, which volds a discharge once it leaves the hands of the person to whom it was its description.

Soon after the bonus had been voted by a State wide referendum last autumn lender cannot compel him to pay a health of the loan sharks got busy. They found that thousands of former soldiers were The Adjutant-General and the Ameri-

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committee representatives are the Police Department, the office of the Com-missioner of Accounts and the office of the Borough President of Queens, all

OLD CROW BRINGS \$2,000.

Finds Rooster. CHICAGO, May 15. — Prohibition en forcement officials were stirred to ac

SCHOOL ELOPEMENT RECORD.

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the loan sharks got busy. They found that thousands of former soldiers were out of work and needed money. Feelers were sent out, and soon the veterans began to appear prepared to accept almost anything the money lender was willing to give him. Men who had served from seventeen to twenty months and are entitled to from \$170 to \$200 would surrender their discharge to the loan shark for \$150.

It was the plan of the loan shark to gather in as many discharges as possible and harvest when the bonus was albel and harvest when the former solders start to make make the former lawyers anything the darkers and the former solders start to make

# INTO SCHOOL AFFAIR Death or Prison for Men Con-

Berlin, May 15.—Communists co-victed of participating in the rece-rifoting in central Germany receive

sentences ranging from one hour in jail for disturbing the peace to death for One man was convicted of murder While the legislative committee for he investigation of the Hylan adminstration has seized records so far only from those departments which have

dicate the possible existence of matters worthy of the committee's attention, the committee will seek data from all the other city departments just as soon as its organization is perfected. Senator Schuyler M. Meyer, chairman, an-

Senator Meyer expects the work to Bolshevik agitators. hibited in certain quarters about just how much or how little Plant may know of the operations and identity of the gang of thieves and gamblers that have been running wild in Nassau for expects public hearings to begin about Senator Meyer expects the work to be going full head very soon. The committee will move into its quarters at 38 Park Row to-day and begin the have been running wild in Nassau for expects public hearings to begin about the fighting. Senator Meyer expects the work to be going full head very soon. The committee will move into its quarters at 38 Park Row to-day and begin the research the work to be going full head very soon. The committee will move into its quarters at 38 Park Row to-day and begin the research the work to be going full head very soon. The committee will move into its quarters at 38 Park Row to-day and begin the research that the properties of the majority of the men convicted beard their sentences quietly, but some young German workmen fell upon their kneeds and wept, saying they had been expects the work to be going full head very soon. The committee will move into its quarters at 38 Park Row to-day and begin the research that the properties of the properties of the men convicted beard their sentences quietly, but some young German workmen fell upon their kneeds and wept, saying they had been removed to the properties of the properties of the men convicted beard their sentences quietly, but some young German workmen fell upon their kneeds and wept, saying they had been removed the properties of the properties of the men convicted beard their sentences quietly, but some young German workmen fell upon their kneeds and wept, saying they had been removed the properties of the properties of the properties of the men convicted beard their sentences quietly, but some young German workmen fell upon their kneeds and wept at the properties of the men convicted beard their sentences quietly beard their sentences quietly beard their sentences quietly beard their sentences and wept at the expects public hearings to begin about the middle of June, by which time rected toward the overthrow of the former Senator Elon R. Brewn, coun- Govern

#### SNAKES HER THESIS.

Student Has Lively Collection Graduation Study.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 15 .- Mrs. James Server, formerly Miss Alberta Wilson, a student at the University of Kentucky, received a collection of water snakes from the Cornell University for use in the preparation of her thesis on "Tax-

other.

Where the committee will turn next is a question which is interesting more than one city department head. Should the committee follow the course set unlikely that momy of Snakes."

Mrs. Server less than a year ago
reated great disorder in the zoology department of the institution when she walked in and opened a suitcase which contained a large rattlesnake. Mrs. Server was graduated from the university last year and is doing work preparatory to receiving an M. A. degree. She married James Server stee. so far, it would appear not unlikely that the next move may be in the direction of the Hylan appointed Board of Edu-cation, the Finance Department, the City Chamberlain, or perhaps the Board of Aldermen. Regarding all of those

### WAGES IN SWEDEN CUT.

Some Resist, but Others Are Taking Reduction.

HARBOR SPRINGS, Mich., May 15 .- The many but doughboys call it 'Allen's fam steamer America, with a full scowload ily in The reply is indicative of the relations



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yourself that at last you can let the furnace fire go out, is bad enough.

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### BRITONS CRITICISE After Palace Is Stoned 'SEX FRENZY' FILMS

Protest American Screens Showing White Women in Semi-Nude State.

RACIAL PROBLEM ENTERS

Fear Effect on Black and Red Races-Saturnalia, One Writer's Epithet.

Special Correspondence of THE NEW YORK

themselves as they dare for natives to gaze at when they patronize the pictures. How prevalent this type of film is and how assiduously its export to India is boomed may be judged from a glance at any illustrations of the films."

Mr. Phillips says the American film business is fraught with harmful results to this country and India. He is a large exporter of films to all parts of the Britlish Empire and he thinks public attention should be drawn to "the very undesirable type of American film brazenly advertised as suitable for exhibition to the natives of India."

Agitation against American films preading rapidly because of this "sa gradia of sex," as one writer calls a American films have been very popula here, and still are for that matter, bu there is a growing danger that in a not distant future they will lose much of their following. American picture stars and producers do much better work than is shown by European made films, and it is a fact that the favorite at home are almost as popular here, which was per-haps best illustrated by the reception ac-corded Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford when they visited London. But attacks by the press here and the will-ingness shown to publish attacks by readers threaten to hurt the American film business abroad.

The New York correspondent of the Weekly Dispatch, one of London's leading Sunday papers, speaks of the latest films shown in New York as follows: Sex appeal, sex interest in every co

"Sex appeal, sex interest in every con-ceivable guise, dominate almost without exception the principal films of note at present before the public or advertised to be shown in the next few weeks. In most of them reticence, even common decency, is at a discount; in many the sex element is deliberately worked up by every imaginable means to the high-set pitch.
"It even enters the latest Mary Pick-

an almost frenzied exaggeration of the but in the hands of the less cultured members of the producing fraternity the sex frenzy becomes positively nauseat-ing. Even first class houses are show. ing Even first class houses are show-ing film plays with such titles as "Secret Sin" and "Forbidden Fruit," depicting lectic midnight revels that leave nothing to the imagination in any scene in mar-riage, honeymoon or love, filicit or other-

Criticism also is heard here of adver tisements of American films, such as then: "This pretty girl, so us wife, her eyes lighted with love smiling wantonly, made him fee melted to a happy sigh, all the world

## Archduke Escapes Mob

VIENNA, May 15 .- Archduke Rainer of Hapsburg was the recipient yesterday of unpleas-ant attentions on the part of workmen when his presence in the palace at Hertenstein, near Vienna, became known. Stones were thrown through the win-dows and his expulsion was demanded of the authorities. Mean-while the Archduke made his escape disguised as a workman.

husband drew the girl to him. A long, long kiss, a kiss of love, youth, beauty, all concentrating into one focus, where heart and soul senses in concert move, and blood is lava, pulse ablaze."

The London critics, who heretofore have been amused, now write warnings with information that these films are countries for which England

going to countries for which England is responsible where the people are not soing to consiste where the people are not is responsible where the people are not white. Benjamin Hampton, writing in the Pictorial Review, says that the producers stage these scenes under the guise of "Form" and "uplift," and adds: "To put over a play simply filled with sex appeal under the guise of uplift drama appeal under the guise of uplift drama.

picture strategy.

Major Charles Moss, writing in the Sunday Times, says: "I know something of the Indian temperament, and, while not wishing to pose as a moranic, I can readily see that the filming of semi-nude white women in India can only create an entirely adverse opinion of the white race and have a demoralizing effect upon the minds of the native population. that good, wholesome British film

Another critic, George A. Lewis, sees a deep American plot in it all. He says: "Another aspect of the question which has come up in view of the present trouble in India is the possibility of these productions being designedly shown for the purpose of undermining British influence in that country by reason of the bad impression, created in the native ad impression created in the native and regarding our morals."

#### LESS BEGGING NOW, BUT MORE THEFS IN FRANCE

Crime Among Women and Children More Than Doubled.

Paris, May 7 .- There is 80 per cen ss begging in France than before 1914. cording to police statistics, but theft has increased in about the same propor The police explain this pheno renon by saying that the temptation conenjoy themselves appeals to those who annot afford it as well as to those that

Criminality among women and children has notably increased. Among a number of persons found guilty of crime pefore the war there were twelve wome and five minors; there are now thirty women and fourteen minors in every hundred convicted. Besides the temp-tation to have a good time, the police say, sensational moving pictures have had a good deal to do with the develop-

dren.

Cases of assault and battery and other offences which are largely credited to alcoholism had decreased. This is attributed to the suppression of absinth and the abstemious habits acquired when war time restrictions made it impossible to drink at all hours of the

#### FOSTER FATHER AND SON QUIT. Their Wives, a Mother and Her Daughter.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 15. dawned simultaneously in the lives of Mrs. John W. Rider and Mrs. John Fagan. mother and daughter, when, after a neck and neck courtship, they married John W. Rider and his foster son, John Fagan. July 3, 1919. The four bought a house and started house-

# LONG CRIME CAREER REVEALED BY DEATH

Bandit Succumbs to Wound Inflicted by Chief of Police of Washington, Pa

WANTED IN COLUMBUS

Robbery, Burglary and Automobile Theft Charged to Him and Other Gangsters.

pecial Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD-WASHINGTON, Pa., May 14.—The death nere to-day in a hospital from gunsho wound of James Edward McCaugharn of Columbus, Ohlo, one of the three bandits police last Tuesday in which fifty shots were exchanged and in which Constabl Milton Owens was wounded, brought according to Columbus, Ohio authorities.

McGaughran died from a wound inflicted by Otto Luellen, Chief of Police.

All three bandits were identified as members of a gang who are wanted in Columbus for highway robbery, burglary and automobile that:

and automobile theft. McGaughran came of a well estab-lished family in Columbus, and two of his sisters were with him when he died. He refused to name the crimes for which

and that Paul Kelley, one of his companions, who is still at large, was the brains of the expedition which resulted in the street fight here. They bear out statements that the trio went to Pittsburgh to get a supply of whiskey. Following their failure to "connect" with the "whiskey gangs" the trio in a stolen automobile came through Washington on their way back to Ohio.

Chief Luellen has not been arrested Chief Luellen has not been arrested ecause of McGaughran's death, and a oroner's jury is expected to return a erdict of justifiable homicide.

#### EX-GOV. GLYNN STARTS ON HOMEWARD VOYAGE Praises Lloyd George's Oratory in Parliament.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. opporight, 1921, by THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, London, May 7. Martin Glynn of New York, who lef condon for Havre, from which port h Savole for home, said he was present in the House of Commons when Premier Lloyd George made his speech defend-ing the German reparation settlement. "Lloyd George is a great parliamenta-rian," Mr. Glynn said. "His easy agility of mind his ready comprehension of f mind, his ready comprehension of what others are trying to do in debate and his handsome command of language, all make him one of the greatest men in such an assembly I have ever seen." Asked his opinion of the German set-tlement, Mr. Glynn said: "One thing is

certain. France should be compensated No man can understand her demand until he has seen her devastated re

### BURGLAR KIT FOUND ON RAILS

cover Fine Set.

LEBANON, Mo., May 15.—The uncarth-ing of a kit of burglar tools by work-men on the Frisco railroad tracks may have thwarted a robbery on a big scale

lanned for last night.

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